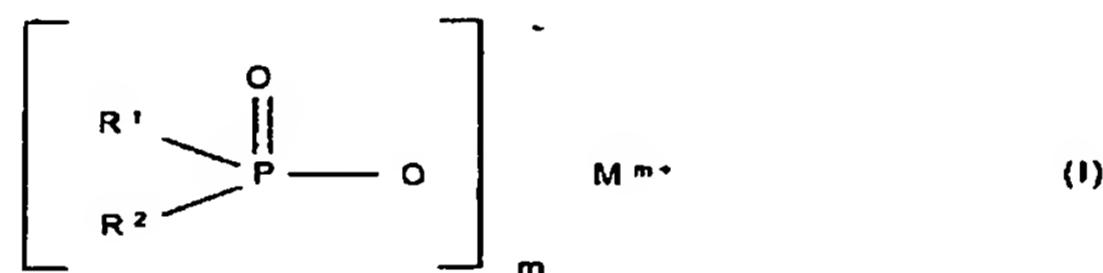


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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, comprising an organophosphorus flame retardant component, and at least one dust-reduction additive, wherein the at least one dust reduction additive is non-aqueous, and wherein the dust-reduction additive comprises alkylalkoxylates having from 8 to 22 carbon atoms and from 1 to 80 EO units per mole of alcohol, wherein the organophosphorus flame-retardant component is a phosphinic salt of the formula (I)



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wherein

R¹ and R² are identical or different and are C₁-C₆-alkyl, linear or branched, or aryl;

M is Mg, Ca, Al, Sb, Sn, Ge, Ti, Zn, Fe, Zr, Ce, Bi, Sr, Mn, Li, Na, K, and a protonated nitrogen base;

m is from 1 to 4; and

x is from 1 to 4; and;

wherein the ratio of amount of dust-reduction additive to that of organophosphorus flame-retardant component is from 1:99 to 10:1.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, wherein M is calcium, aluminum or zinc.

4. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, wherein R¹ and R² are identical or different and are C₁-C₆-alkyl, linear or branched, or phenyl.

5. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, wherein R¹ and R² are identical or different, and are methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl, or phenyl.

6. through 20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, which has a median particle size of from 0.1 to 1 000 µm.

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22. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, having an average bulk density of from 80 to 800 g/l.

23. (Cancelled)

24. through 39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level as claimed in claim 1, which has a median particle size of from 1 to 100 μ m.

41. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level as claimed in claim 1, having an average bulk density of from 200 to 700g/l.

42. (Cancelled)